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MINISTRY OF LABOUR

RESOLUTION

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No. Fac.80(8)/55.—With a view to reducing the hardships caused to dock workers on account of the casual nature of their employment, the Central Government got enacted the Dock Workers (Regulation of Employment) Act, 1948, and framed the following Schemes:—

- (1) The Bombay Dock Workers, (Regulation of Employment) Scheme, 1951.
- (2) The Calcutta Dock Workers, (Regulation of Employment) Scheme, 1951.
- (3) The Madras Dock Workers, (Regulation of Employment Schemes, 1952.

The object of these Schemes is to ensure greater regularity of employment for dock workers and to secure an adequate supply of dock workers for the efficient performance of dock work. At present the application of these schemes is confined to certain specified categories of stevedore workers in the ports of Bombay, Calcutta and Madras. The schemes are administered by dock labour boards, which are tripartite bodies set up by Government for each port. Representations have been received that the benefits of these or of similar schemes should be extended to other categories of workers also. The working of the schemes has also evoked a number of complaints. Government have, therefore on the recommendation of the Dock Workers Advisory Committee, decided to appoint an Enquiry Committee to report on the working of these Schemes. The Committee will consist of:—

Chairman

1. Shri S. S. Vasist, Lately Adviser, Railway Board, New Delhi.

Members

2. Shri Vincent Vaz., Docks Manager, Bombay Port Trust, Bombay.
3. Shri K. Mitter, Traffic Manager, Calcutta Port Commissioners, Calcutta.
4. Shri V. A. Jaywant, Traffic Manager, Madras Port Trust, Madras.
5. Shri S. C. Sheth, representative of the Bombay Stevedores Association, Janmabhoomi Chambers, Fort Street, Bombay.
6. Shri A. N. Chowdhury, representative of the Master Stevedores Association, Royal Exchange, P. Box. No. 280, Calcutta.
7. Shri A. Ramaswami Mudaliar, representative of shipping companies, C/o India Steamship Co., D-1, Clive Street, Calcutta.
8. Shri G. S. Dhara Singh, President, Indian National Dock Workers Federation, Manthara Road, Cochin-2.

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- 9 Shri Adhir Banerjee, President, Calcutta Port Mazdoor Panchayat, Calcutta.
10. Shri Biswanath Dubey, General Secretary, Dock Mazdoor Union, 64, Chittaranjan Avenue, Calcutta-12.

The Committee may co opt at any port such persons to assist it as it considers necessary, but co-opted members shall not have the right to take part in the final deliberations of the Committee or in the writing of its report. A co-opted member will function only in respect of the port for which he has been co-opted.

2 The terms of reference of the Enquiry Committee will be as follows.—

- (i) to enquire into the working of the Dock Workers (Regulation of Employment) Schemes in Bombay, Calcutta and Madras, to examine all difficulties encountered by the parties interested in the working of the Schemes, and to recommend what modifications, if any, in the Schemes are necessary;
- (ii) to enquire into the necessity and feasibility of decasualising other categories of labour covered by the Dock Workers (Regulation of Employment) Act, 1948 (IX of 1948) at the three ports whether by inclusion in the existing Schemes or by the framing of special schemes, and
- (iii) to prepare amendments to existing Schemes or to frame new schemes for the further categories of labour, if any, recommended for decasualisation

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